

**CLARK COUNTY**  
**BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS/CLEAN WATER COMMISSION**  
**Meeting/Luncheon Notes**  
Tuesday, June 17 2003  
12:30 – 1:30 PM  
Clark County Public Service Center  
Conference Room 679  
1300 Franklin Street  
Vancouver, WA

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Clark County Board of County Commissioners Present

Betty Sue Morris, Craig Pridemore, and Judie Stanton

Clark County Clean Water Commission Members Present

Robbie Agard, Mary Martin, Bill Owen, Susan Rasmussen, Art Stubbs, and Virginia vanBreeman

Clark County Board of County Commissioner's Office

Bill Barron and Mary Keltz

Clark County Public Works Staff

Lisa Allison, Cary Armstrong, Pete Capell, Bud Cave, Susan Finch, Kelli Frost, Sam Giese, Tina Kruger, Mark McCauley, Earl Rowell, Cindy Stienbarger, and Rod Swanson

Clark County Treasurer's Office

Phyllis Dorondo and Kathy Lee

Clark County Endangered Species Act Office

Joel Rupley

*Introduction*

The members of the Clark County Board of County Commissioners, Clark County Clean Water Commission, and Clark County staff were introduced.

*Agenda and material review*

1. 6/17/03 Clark County Board of Commissioners and Clean Water Commission Luncheon
2. Clark County Clean Water Commission 2002 Annual Report
3. Clark County Clean Water Program/NPDES Permit Background
4. Clean Water Program Accomplishments 2001 to Present
5. Figures 1 – 9
6. Department of Public Works, Water Resources Section Project / Activity Reports

*Overview of the 2002 Annual Clean Water Commission Report to the Board of County Commissioners*

Ms. Rasmussen reviewed the 2002 Clean Water Commission Annual Report with the Board of County Commissioners, specifically focusing on the various Motions passed and Recommendations made during the past year.

*Thoughts from the Board of County Commission regarding CWC activities*

Commissioner Stanton asked how well the school wavier program was working.

Ms. Stienbarger replied that schools are implementing a variety of educational programs in which to teach children about the environment. Students are monitoring creeks; and through the River Rangers program and Mother Nature's Garden, kids are learning about the importance of water and the environment.

Ms. Rasmussen asked the Board of County Commissioners what the status was of the Clean Water Program Service Fee incentive identified in the Clean Water Commissions 2001 Annual Report to the Board?

Commissioner Pridemore replied that the Board of County Commissioners has not decided one way or the other on that particular incentive.

Mr. Barron added that the Clean Water Program Service fee is still subject to lawsuits and until those are settle it is difficult to grant incentives.

Commissioner Morris also noted that the Clean Water Program Service Fee funds are being used to allow the county to catch up with the all the requirements of the NPDES permit (all the additional work above and beyond what was required before the permit was issued).

Mrs. Rasmussen commented that any Clean Water Program Service Fee incentive should address more than just commercial or industrial businesses. Citizens who perform water quality testing or perform stormwater volume control on their land should qualify for an incentive.

Mr. Agard felt that there should be no reward program or incentives for any new development. Incentives should be awarded to those that have old or no current stormwater treatment system.

Commissioner Morris offered that one way to reward individuals may be to provide bumper stickers or certificates to acknowledge the good work some are doing.

Commissioner Pridemore added that there could be more press about what people are doing to protect water.

Mrs. Rasmussen suggested that non-profit businesses be exempt from the Clean Water Program Service fee.

Mr. Rowell replied that according to the County's Prosecuting Attorney's Office, if one individual is exempt, individuals with like land use must be also exempt (even those not protecting water from pollution).

Mrs. Rasmussen stated that the Clean Water Program has initiated stormwater capital improvement projects in 2003.

Mr. Giese followed by stating that in 2003 there are four stormwater collection and treatment projects totaling over \$800,000. Additional capital projects are being reviewed for implementation in 2004-05.

Mr. Stubbs pointed out that as part of the Clean Water Program, there are several citizen education activities.

Mrs. Stienbarger gave overviews of youth-based, adult-based, and general educational activities. Citizens are participating in the Watershed Stewards Program and in a variety of community events (Lacamas Festival, Natural Gardening Fair, Clark County Fair etc.).

Commissioner Morris suggested that the Clean Water Commission should know more about the salmon restoration work.

Mr. Rowell offered to have Mr. Phil Trask from the Lower Columbia Fish Recovery Board and Mr. Joel Rupley with the ESA office to attend a future Clean Water Commission meeting to provide more information about salmon restoration work.

#### *Final Remarks*

The Board of County Commissioners expressed their thanks to the Clean Water Commission for their hard work.